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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Clearance Division

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FROM:

  
Chief, Staff & Operations Branch

SUBJECT: Passing Polygraph Acquired Information  
to DISCO

1. First of all, let me state that I have never felt comfortable with our arrangement with DISCO. I attribute this to having been brought up, professionally speaking, under the "old school" approach that polygraph acquired information had a special sanctity about it that demanded highly restrictive handling. I have no quarrel with denying someone an Agency clearance based on derogatory polygraph information but possibly ruining someone's career by disseminating the information to other agencies leaves me very troubled particularly when the derog is not counter-intelligence in nature.

2. I agree with the concept of highly selective reporting of polygraph information based on the nature of the derogatory information. I am opposed to making the level of an individual's security clearance the criteria for whether we report or not. We in this Agency (myself included) tend to downgrade the Secret clearance as "second class citizenship" simply because we rarely if ever grant them. We should not overlook that, by definition, we are talking about "grave damage" to the national security. I believe the only information that should be passed is that which clearly poses a threat to the national security; somehow or other, pot smoking does not seem to fill that bill. 25X1

  
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